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Suggestions: (a) provisions of proposed Rule 1004: Involuntary Petition Against a Partnership be moved as a subsection to existing Rule 1003: Involuntary Petition; and (b) proposed new rule 1004.1: Petition for Infant or Incompetent Person be numbered as 1004 - dropping the extension. The main purpose behind these suggestions is to eliminate the use of extension numbers in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. In the case of Rule 1004, it also keeps the involuntary provisions under the one rule.

Extension numbers (e.g. 1001-1) on local rules have been in place since the local rules uniform renumbering project in April 1997. Thus the presence of an extension (dot or dash) suggests a local rule is being referenced; I find this distinction helpful.

There are presently three other national bankruptcy rules which include extensions: Rules 3017.1, 7023.1, and 7023.2, although they are not the subject of the present proposed amendments.

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